Financial aid under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan

3595. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is granting financial aid under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) to State Governments, to meet the financial cost of primary and elementary school teachers;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether Government is aware that more than 13,000 primary and elementary school teachers have not received their salaries; and

(d) if so, what steps Government is contemplating to release sufficient funds to the Punjab Government under SSA, for disbursement of salaries to teachers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) Under the Sarva Shiksha Sbhiyan (SSA), Central share funds are provided to States/Union Territories (UT) for implementation of the programme as per the funding ratio between Center and States/UTs, which *inter-alia* is also utilized for payment of teacher salaries against only such posts as are created under this programme. In 2007-08 a total amount of Rs. 11432.04 crore has been provided by the Central Government to States/UTs for the SSA.

(c) and (d) In 2007-08, Punjab has been provided Rs. 104.94 crore for implementation of SSA programme, which adequately covers teachers salary for 1822 posts created under the SSA.

Corporal punishment to students

3596. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether cases of corporal punishment to school students are on the increase;

(b) if so, the number of injury and death cases due to it registered during the last three years, State-wise;

(c) whether the Supreme Court order, banning corporal punishment in school has, so far, been implemented in six States only and a study conducted by an NGO stated that there is a cane for every class in most Government schools in northern India;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken to check corporal punishment and physical torture to students by the teachers in Government and private schools?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) Sporadic instances of corporal punishment have been reported in the media in the recent past. However education is a concurrent subject and details of injury/deaths due to corporal punishment are not centrally maintained in this Ministry.